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Filed: January 24, 2001	)	
	)	Date: June 18, 2004
For: "INTEGRATED CIRCUITS "	)	Re: <i>Response</i>
PROTECTED AGAINST REVERSE	)	
ENGINEERING AND METHOD FOR	)	
FABRICATING THE SAME USING AS	)	
APPARENT METAL CONTACT LINE	)	
TERMINATING ON FIELD OXIDE"	)	

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RESPONSE

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Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the non-final Office Action, mailed April 19, 2004. No amendments are proposed in the present response. **All remarks herein are made without prejudice.**

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 2 of this paper.

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**REMARKS:**

Examiner Nguyen:

Enclosed is a formal response to the Office Action dated April 19, 2004 comprising:  
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